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- 1. Since the beginning of September 1952 there has been a Czechoslovak military unit of 550 to 600 men at Sarlota, some 20 kilometers southwest of Lipova, Timis Torontal. They wear olive green uniforms with shoulder tabs of the same material. Several of the men wore an insignia, a Czech lion in a white circle with a red star.
- 2. Two hundred of these soldiers were observed at exercises on hill 238, known as Moara de vant, on 29 September 1952. Others were observed in Lipova forest. So far as could be observed they were not equipped with heavy weapons.
- 3. Local residents say that another battalion of the same unit is stationed near Timisoara and a third in the neighborhood of Lugoj. The Sarlota unit is quartered in private houses, whose owners have been evacuated. Most of the men belong to the class of 1931.

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